

earned our respect, gratitude, and recognition for its efforts over the last 60 years. I look forward to continuing to work in support of our mutual interests.

DENIS ANGHEL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Denis Anghel for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Denis is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Denis Anghel is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Denis Anghel for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all his future accomplishments.

HONORING VICE ADMIRAL (VADM) SALERNO FOR HIS SERVICE IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD

HON. FRANK A. LOBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. LOBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true leader for his extraordinary service in the United States Coast Guard, Vice Admiral (VADM) Brian M. Salerno. VADM Salerno served his country for 37 years in the Coast Guard and on June 5th, he will retire as the Deputy Commandant for Operations at Coast Guard Headquarters, a position he has held since May 2010. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his commitment to service and to our country.

As the Deputy Commandant for Operations, Vice Admiral Salerno oversaw policy development and strategic planning for all Coast Guard maritime safety, security and response operations. Assuming the duties as the Deputy Commandant for Operations shortly after the initial response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, Vice Admiral Salerno was responsible for the Coast Guard's in-depth investigation and after action review of the incident, and directed implementation of numerous improvements to the Coast Guard's Spill of National Significance response and management protocols. He was also instrumental in establishing vital joint operating plans and processes, such as the Maritime Operations Coordination Plan, which greatly advanced the Department of Homeland Security's "One-DHS" initiative to increase the Nation's ability to respond to maritime threats. When Somali pirates began attacking merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden, Vice Admiral Salerno led the United

States' efforts to establish internationally accepted and highly effective shipboard procedures to minimize the likelihood of a successful attack. These measures have proven essential to helping mariners and the shipping industry protect themselves and combat piracy while transiting in high-risk waters. Using his nearly four decades of experience working on some of the most complex maritime safety and security issues, Vice Admiral Salerno laid the foundation for the continued development of interagency, international, and industry partnerships that will prove increasingly more important to national security, sovereignty and prosperity as emerging threats and opportunities in the Arctic and other outer-continental shelf maritime activity increases.

Vice Admiral Salerno was commissioned as an Ensign in December 1976 after attending Coast Guard Officer Candidate School. His assignments have predominantly been within the Coast Guard's marine safety program, where he commanded Coast Guard units in Boston, MA and San Juan, PR, and was responsible for carrying out vital Captain of the Port, Officer-in-Charge of Marine Inspection, Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, and Federal On-Scene Coordinator duties. His other field assignments include units in Baltimore, MD, Port Arthur, TX and Portland, ME as well as serving as the marine safety advisor to the Panama Canal Authority. Prior to assuming his current position, Vice Admiral Salerno was the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship and he also served as the Assistant Commandant for Policy and Planning and as the Director of Inspections and Compliance at Coast Guard Headquarters.

Vice Admiral Salerno is a 2000 graduate of the U.S. Army War College, with a master's degree in Strategic Studies. He is also a graduate of the Naval War College and holds a master's degree in Management from the Johns Hopkins University. He is a licensed master of small passenger vessels. His personal military decorations include three Legion of Merit Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Coast Guard Commendation Medals, and the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and a grateful Nation, I ask all my distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of Vice Admiral Brian M. Salerno. There are few opportunities for us to recognize the accomplishments of those who selflessly dedicate their lives to the service of our country, and having had the pleasure of working with Vice Admiral Salerno as the Chairman of the Coast Guard's oversight Subcommittee, I cannot thank him enough for everything he has done to protect our Nation's waters and the millions of Americans who live, work, and visit them every day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION REGARDING RECORDED VOTE ON ROLL CALL 220 DURING CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5236

HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. LYNCH. Mr. Speaker, during Floor consideration of H.R. 5326 on May 8, 2012, I mis-

takenly recorded my vote on rollcall 220 as "yea" on the question on agreeing to the amendment offered by Ms. BLACK of Tennessee.

I intended to vote "no", on the Black amendment, which sought to prohibit the Attorney General of the United States from using any funds appropriated by H.R. 5326 for the purpose of originating or joining in any lawsuit which seeks to overturn, enjoin, or invalidate a series of specified statutes related to immigration. Again, I would like reiterate my strong opposition to the Black amendment and express my significant concern that its language of limitation would unduly abrogate the longstanding prosecutorial discretion of the Department of Justice as well as undermine and violate the basic principle of separation of powers embodied by our Constitution.

TEURLINGS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LADY REBELS SOFT- BALL TEAM CROWNED STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. CHARLES W. BOUSTANY, JR.

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Teurlings Catholic High School Lady Rebels softball team for recently being crowned class 4-A state champions by the Louisiana High School Athletic Association. This team truly has the heart of a champion. En route to the state championship, the strength and will of this team was tested time and time again. In the end, this team triumphed and defeated the Leesville High School Lady Cats to become the undisputed state champions on April 28, 2012.

The team's five seniors: Corin Voinche, Halie Green, Delilah Melancon, Julieanne Broussard, and Megan Fuselier, tasted additional success each year they played. In 2009, the team made the state quarterfinals. In 2010, the team reached the state semifinals. In 2011, the team played in the state finals. This year, it attained the ultimate goal and won the state championship. This group embodies the term perseverance. Having overcome adversity and never allowing its determination to waver, I commend the efforts of the entire Teurlings Lady Rebels softball team.

Congratulations to coach Callie Gautreaux and her coaching staff of Lana Bowers, Vallie Gaspard, and Caleb Castille. This team had an outstanding year and saved its best performance for the year's largest stage. I look forward to next year's softball season and wish the Lady Rebels team good luck in defending its crown.

HONORING TUTT S. BRADFORD

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most well-known and selfless men in my District.

Tutt S. Bradford passed away recently at the age of 94 following a long life of community service and philanthropy. I knew him as a